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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CONCORDE FLIGHT TO US

REF: PARIS 20097

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSED CONCORDE FLIGHT TO US FOR INAUGURAL OF NEW DALLAS/FORT WORTH AIRPORT WITH BAC (GEOFFREY KNIGHT) AND DTI (BENJAMIN). THEY CONFIRM INTENTION TO TAKE CONCORDE TO US IN SEPTEMBER AND INDICATE THAT, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED, CONCORDE ROUTING WILL BE PARIS/SANTA MARIA/CARACAS/DALLAS. APPARENTLY THERE IS STILL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH ON PLANS FOR CONCORDE RETURN AND ALTHOUGH ROUTING NOT YET DECIDED IT LIKELY TO BE DALLAS/DULLES/ PARIS. DISAGREEMENT CENTERS ON QUESTION OF VIP FLIGHTS OUT OF DULLES DURING WASHINGTON STOP. ACCORDING TO KNIGHT, FRENCH WOULD LIKE TO CONDUCT, WITH APPROPRIATE FANFARE, ONE OR MORE VIP FLIGHTS AT DULLES BEFORE RETURNING WHEREAS BRITISH WOULD PREFER SIMPLE TECHNICAL STOP TO AVOID POSSIBLY STIRRING UP ANTI-SST/ENVIRONMENTALIST FACTIONS IN US.

2. AEROSPATIALE TEAM REPORTEDLY IN US AT PRESENT TO TRY
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TO ASSESS CLIMATE IN US FOR CONCORDE FLIGHT AND GENERAL

RECEPTIVITY OF FAA AND OTHERS TO IDEA OF VIP FLIGHTS.
TEAM WILL CONSULT WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSIES
WASHINGTON WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TAKE SOUNDINGS ON
THESE QUESTIONS. NO DECISION OF VIP FLIGHTS IS EXPECTED
FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

3. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT APPLICATION TO FAA FOR AUTHOR-
IZATION TO BRING CONCORDE TO US WILL PROBABLY BE MADE
THROUGH BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON VERY
SHORTLY. SOHM

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